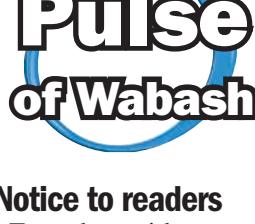


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Taste of Love Trolley No. 85 Tour on Saturday

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the Taste of Love Trolley No. 85 Tour are now on sale. The tour will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5, is \$50 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center in downtown Wabash with a champagne toast. The progressive dinner stops include 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eagles Ballroom and Gallery 64. This is a tour for those ages 21 and up and there will be average walking required. Payment is due upon registration. To purchase tickets online, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours, visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the "Spaces" concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates. Feb. 7 – "Mindfulness and Impacts on Mental Well-Being" by Jon Walker. Feb. 14 – "How Did the Taliban Get the Holy Grail?" Janina Traxler, professor emerita of French and English at Manchester. Feb. 21 – "I Never Give Up": Reflections on Volunteering at a Juvenile Prison" by faculty member Stacy Erickson-Peterson. Feb. 28 – "Meant for So Much More" is the topic of President Dave McFadden's Spring Convocation. March 7 – "Race and Racism, Historical and Current Experiences." March 14 – "PeaceTech: Engineering to Change the World" by Zia



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Digging out



Provided photo by Mandi Sanson Rigney
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Winter storm causes delays and cancellations across the region

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The winter storm which consumed the state and region caused delays and cancellations across the area as residents started to dig out. During a televised press conference on Wednesday, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) commissioner Joe McGuinness said the layer of rain which quickly turned to ice which fell before the snow presented a uniquely difficult challenge to clearing the roadways for this storm.

"Snow we can move, ice we can not," he said. "We will do as much as we possibly can with that ice, with the salt, with the pre-treating. ... It becomes extremely difficult when it's raining because as soon as we drop the brine down on the road, the rain washes it away.

So the decision was made, that's why there's no point

in pre-treating."

As of Thursday morning, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) had upgraded Wabash County's travel advisory level to red. The highest level of local travel advisory, red means that travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only.

However, by Friday morning, the IDHS had downgraded that advisory to orange, meaning that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public.

"During a 'watch' local travel advisory, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations," stated the IDHS.

Travel status information is provided by each county's Emergency Management

Agency (EMA). As counties initiate official travel advisories and notify the state, the map automatically updates with that information, according to the IDHS. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory>.

First Friday rescheduled

Also on Friday, public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis said Wabash Marketplace officials have rescheduled February's First Friday in downtown Wabash "due to the amount of snow, ice and county travel conditions."

Ellis said February's First Friday will now take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

"Add downtown Wabash to the list of places to kick off Valentine's Day weekend festivities," said Ellis. "February First Friday's micro-event, Creative Canvas Workshop,

will be rescheduled as well. More information will be

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Primary election candidate filing period ends

The primary election will be held May 3 and the general election will be held on Nov. 8.

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The contested and uncontested races have been set as the filing period for the upcoming primary election concluded at noon Friday.

The primary election will be held May 3 and the general election will be held on Nov. 8.

Local candidates

As of Friday afternoon, the list of local primary election candidates was finalized by Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper.

Only a handful of local races were contested, with most races including Republicans running unopposed.

■ Draper, a Republican, filed for re-election as clerk Jan. 5.

■ Republican Eric Rish filed for recorder Jan. 5.

■ Sheriff Ryan Baker, a Republican, filed for re-election Jan. 12.

■ Republican Kelly Schenkel filed for assessor Jan. 5.

■ In the Wabash County Commissioner District 2 seat, Republican Jeff Dawes filed for re-election Jan. 10 and Democrat Travis Leon Hendricks filed Feb. 1.

■ Republican Matthew Mize filed for Wabash County Council District 1 on Jan. 14.

■ Republican Barbara Pearson filed for Wabash County Council District 2 on Jan. 6.

■ Republican Sam Hann filed for Wabash County Council District 3 on Jan. 14.

■ Republican Kyle Bowman

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available at a later date. Guests who purchased tickets to the workshop will be refunded and contacted with details for the rescheduled event."

For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org/firstfriday or WabashMarketplace.org/2022events.

NMPL closed

Just as it was on Thursday, the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) continued to be closed Friday due to the winter storm warning.

"Due to the hazardous winter weather conditions, and in order to keep staff and patrons safe, the North Manchester

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All Indiana counties in red COVID-19 advisory level for the third week

Also on Wednesday, the ISDH reports 143rd local COVID-19 death

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Omicron variant of COVID-19 is now dominant in Indiana, overtaking Delta. The resulting increased case counts can be seen across the state.

During Wednesday's weekly COVID-19 update, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) placed all the state's counties in red, or highest

advisory level for a third straight week.

Also on Wednesday, the ISDH reported one additional local COVID-19 death, bringing Wabash County's total to 143.

In response to the local increases of positive COVID-19 cases in the county, the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) has canceled all in-person programs for February, said NMPL adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann.

"The safety of our staff and

patrons is our number one pri-

ority, and we will continue to closely monitor the situation, as well as stay in touch with local health officials," said NMPL director Diane Randall.

Hann said the meeting rooms, Blocher Community Room, Makerspace and Playroom will be temporarily closed as well. Hann said the NMPL encouraged all patrons to take advantage of the libraries and free e-library. For more information, visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

At the state level, on Tuesday, Feb. 1, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed Executive Orders 22-01 and 22-02, which, among

other items, extended the public health emergency for another 30 days. The Executive Orders expire at midnight on Friday, March 4.

In addition to the increased cases in the state, the winter storm has affected the operation of state-operating COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics.

On Wednesday, the ISDH announced that all state-run COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics were closed for the remainder of Wednesday and all day Thursday "due to a winter storm that is impacting Indiana."

"Individuals with appointments at a state-run site will be notified with instructions to reschedule. Because sites run by local health departments and other entities also may be affected, anyone who has an appointment or plans a walk-in visit to a COVID-19 testing or vaccination site should contact the site to ensure it is open before going," stated the ISDH.

On Friday, the ISDH announced that the COVID-19 vaccine and testing clinic across from the Indianapolis

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WACT returns with a production of comedy 'I Hate Shakespeare'

'Dinnertainment' theater comes back to the Charley Creek Inn for a third year

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For the third year in a row, the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will put on another "dinnertainment" production around the Valentine's Day holiday in the Charley Creek Inn's Big Four Ballroom, this time featuring the work of William Shakespeare, said board vice president Eric Seaman.

"The best of 'The Bard' is

coming to town in February" thanks to the WACT's latest live theatrical performance, said Seaman.

Making her WACT directorial debut, Angelina Funk and a large cast of local community actors will share playwright Steph DeFerie's "I Hate Shakespeare" on the weekend leading up to Valentine's Day from Friday, Feb. 11 to Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Charley Creek Inn.

"A hilarious, fast-paced look at Shakespeare, the production is a collection of vignettes that spoofs the historic writer's work, with a modern twist.

Shakespeare, a 16th-century English playwright, is widely regarded as one of the greatest writers of all time and is often called England's national poet. His work includes nearly 40 plays, more than 150 sonnets and a variety of poems," said Seaman.

Doors and the cash bar will open at 6 p.m. for the Friday and Saturday performances, with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday's matinee will open at noon, with lunch starting at 12:30 p.m.

"Shakespeare can be difficult, but Steph DeFerie breaks down his most famous plays into comedic understanding of his text," said Funk. "One actor interacts with Hamlet throughout the piece to

Manchester University locks undergraduate tuition

For the 2023-23 academic year, undergraduate tuition is \$34,505

By ANNE GREGORY

Beginning in the fall, Manchester University's new first-year students will have their tuition locked in for their entire undergraduate career.

This tuition lock is part of Manchester's commitment to making costs more predictable and affordable for students and their families.

"In the future, we will set a new tuition rate for each incoming class and lock it in for four years. This will

give students and families a predictable total cost from start to finish and make it easier for them to budget," said President Dave McFadden.

"Concern about unexpected tuition increases is something we hear often from students and their families," said Ryon Kaupuiki, vice president for enrollment and marketing. "Locking their tuition removes that question mark."

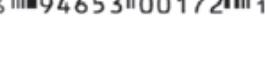
For the 2023-23 academic year, Manchester's undergraduate tuition is \$34,505. All of Manchester's undergraduate students receive financial aid, however, and the University helps students find the most effective packages.

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5-Day Weather Summary



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
18 / 9



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
33 / 13



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
28 / 5



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
30 / 21



Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
37 / 22

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:08 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:45 a.m.

 First 2/8	 Full 2/16	 Last 2/23
New 3/2		

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 18°, humidity of 84%. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 9°. South southeast wind 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach -1°. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 34°, humidity of 80%.



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Obituaries

Kevin C. Young

Nov. 22, 1952 - Feb. 2, 2022

Kevin C. Young, 69, North Manchester, died Feb. 2, 2022. The son of Herbert "Bill" and Elizabeth Ellen (Riley) Young, Kevin was born in Cook County, Illinois on Nov. 22, 1952.

The loving memory of Kevin C. Young will be forever cherished by his wife, Charlie Young; son, Ted (Brandy) Young; daughter, Heather (Brian) Wake;

Douglas Reavis

Feb. 24, 1957 - Feb. 2, 2022

Douglas Reavis, 64, North Manchester, died Feb. 2, 2022. He was born in Wabash, on Feb. 24, 1957.

Surviving are his parents, Clarence and Ardis Reavis; wife, Diane Reavis; children, Trenton (Esther) Reavis, Kendra (Levi) Kinzie, Jaima (Alex) Leshner, and Julie (Nate) King; ten grandchildren; and sisters, Susan (Robert) Metzger and Bren-

Milan A 'Mike' Mishler

June 25, 1939 - Feb 1, 2022

Milan A "Mike" Mishler 82, North Manchester, died Feb 1, 2022. He was born June 25, 1939, to Hugh June and Ruby Lucille (Jenkins) Mishler in Kosciusko County, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Sue (Whitmore) Mishler; daughters, Lori Mishler and Shari Mishler, their mother Janet Mishler, and granddaughter Megan

stepson, Kenneth Lambert; stepdaughter, Teresa Lambert; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his many brothers and sisters.

A celebration of Kevin's life will be held at a later date.

The family of Kevin C. Young has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

da (Galen) Filbrun.

Visitation Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Funeral services will be held Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Feb. 6 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Cathy Staggs. The morning message from Pastor Mike Bullick will be, "Send Us."

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Feb. 6.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net.

Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says,

"Manchester CoB YouTube Channel."

After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com.

Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos."

The most recent one will appear first.

Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctu-

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvmc@hotmail.com.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. "All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us," said Pastor Judy Tyner.

For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Honeywell House hosts Chautauqua Institution speaker Doug Lehman

The Honeywell House will host speaker Doug Lehman speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 720 N. Wabash St., according to Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist Michele DeVinney.

The presentation will be on the adult education and social movement called Chautauqua, which sought to bring learning, culture, and entertainment to small towns in

the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Chautauqua Institution was a community of artists, educators, thinkers, faith leaders and friends dedicated to exploring the best in humanity.

The event is free, but with limited capacity, reservations are required to guarantee seating.

For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

provider's office directly for guidance. All hospitals and emergency departments will remain open for patients and ambulances."

Parkview walk-in clinics in Huntington, Wabash and Whitley were open at noon Friday.

Parkview Physicians Group OB/GYN in Wabash was open at noon Friday.

Parkview Physicians Group Orthopedics in Wabash was closed Friday.

The following Parkview Occupational Health locations were closed Friday: DeKalb, LaGrange, Warsaw, Huntington, Wabash, Whitley, Noble, Fort Wayne - Central, Fort Wayne - South and Bryan, Ohio.

Parkview Wabash Pediatrics and the Parkview Wabash Health Clinics in North Manchester and Wabash were closed Friday.

For more information, visit parkview.com/weather.

ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Festivals rescheduled

Due to the statewide impact of this week's winter storm, the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) has rescheduled all ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Festivals originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5 to the predetermined weather date of Saturday, Feb. 12, said ISSMA executive director Mick Bridgewater.

For more information, visit www.issma.net.

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out-of-pocket tuition expenses if they continue to meet academic and other requirements.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

atiational in LaPorte, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Huntington, Shelby, Madison, Howard, Vermillion, Jackson, Ripley, Clark and Daviess counties.

Clinics scheduled for Cass,

DeKalb, Fountain/Warren,

Knox, Morgan, Vigo and

Brown counties will remain

closed Saturday.

"Because sites run by local health departments and other entities also may be affected, anyone who has an appoint-

ment or plans a walk-in visit to a COVID-19 testing or vaccination site should contact the site to ensure it is open before going," stated the ISDH.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to Hoosiers age 5 and older, and boosters are ap-

proved for eligible individuals age 12 and older. Hoosiers can

make a vaccination appoint-

ment at www.ourshot.in.gov

by searching for ZIP code 46222. Individuals under age

18 can only receive the Pfiz-

er vaccine.

Parents seeking

pediatric doses for children

ages 5 to 11 should verify

that birthdates are entered correctly

when registering to ensure

that a Pfizer pediatric dose is available.

For more information, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and www.ourshot.in.gov.

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plans for WACT to create a performing arts center on the property due to existing amenities in the area.

Seaman said those who would like to support the project can do so by sending a check to Wabash Area Community Theater at P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992, with "Building" in the memo line. For those who would like to give online, a GoFundMe page titled "WACT Building Fundraiser" has also been created for the project. It can be found on the Wabash Area Community Theater Facebook page or by searching on www.gofundme.com.

Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at vanderpool@yahoo.com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128.

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COVID

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Motor Speedway will reopen Saturday on a reduced schedule due to weather conditions.

The IMS clinic will operate from noon to 4 p.m. Individuals with an appointment between 8 a.m. and noon will be contacted to reschedule for the afternoon.

State-run clinics will be oper-

WACT

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get a better understanding of Shakespeare, as well as the comic ridiculousness of some his plots.

"It ranges from making fun of Hamlet's demise, Romeo and Juliet's struggles over the sake of a name, Iago's dramatic response to not getting a promotion, and Macbeth's sorry-for-himself attitude over the decisions he makes. And let's not forget about throwing zombies into the mix."

The performances' meals include the Charley Creek Bibb salad with home-baked rolls and whipped butter, chicken marsala, broccolini and pepper ribbons, and roasted red potatoes, with fudge brownies for dessert.

Opinion

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

Biden's pledge to appoint a Black woman to SCOTUS is in the best American tradition

Sen. Ted Cruz calls it "offensive" that President Biden is following through on his campaign promise to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court. Fellow Republican Sen. Josh Hawley says it's a capitulation to the "hard woke left," while Sen. Roger Wicker calls Biden's pick a "beneficiary" of a "sort of quota."

Actually, Biden's appointment to find an exemplary jurist who reflects a now unrepresented background among The Nine is in the best American tradition. As some wiser Republicans like Sen. Lindsey Graham acknowledge

there's nothing wrong and plenty right with "making sure the court and other institutions look like America," the party ought to take that to heart more broadly rather than chafing at good-faith efforts to diversify colleges, corporations and more. Personal identity and lived experience aren't everything, but they matter.

Since George Washington selected the first six justices in 1789 and 1790, presidents have sought to balance the bench. Washington's court had three Northerners and three Southerners. We don't have to mention that they were all

white, Protestant men.

The first Catholic justice was Roger Taney, who unfortunately wrote the court's worst decision ever, Dred Scott. It was Ike's desire for a Northern Catholic that put the great liberal Bill Brennan on the court in 1956. There was a Jewish seat on the high court from 1932 to 1969 (Benjamin Cardozo to Felix Frankfurter to Arthur Goldberg to Abe Fortas). The nomination by Lyndon Johnson of Thurgood Marshall, the first Black justice, was both strategic and important, helping make America a more perfect union.

Candidate Ronald Reagan

promised to name the first woman, which he did with Sandra Day O'Connor — who later said that in conference, Marshall helped "change the way I see the world." George Bush the father purposely tapped Clarence Thomas in 1991 to fill Marshall's seat. Even Donald Trump said he'd pick a woman to succeed Ruth Bader Ginsburg; he did so with Amy Coney Barrett.

A president could fill the high court with nine qualified white, Protestant men. And America would be the poorer.

This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.

Indiana Donor Network pushes boundaries, focuses on innovation to increase organ transplants

Looking back at 2021, I can't help but reflect on where Indiana Donor Network has been, where we are now and where we're going. When I started with the organization 22 years ago, I would've never imagined the massive growth and incredible achievements we've experienced.

As the federally designated organ recovery organization for 85 of Indiana's 92 counties, Indiana Donor Network has increased the number of organ transplants by 43 percent since 2019. Transplants in 2021 were 10 percent higher than in 2020, which was also a record-setting year.

In 2021, despite the challenges of a persistent global pandemic, Indiana Donor Network facilitated donation for 276 organ donors, a record-breaking amount. We transplanted 949 organs to save the lives of more than 800 patients — that's a record number of organ transplants for this organization in its 34-year history.

During this record-breaking year, we demonstrated we're a catalyst of innovation by utilizing our new Organ and Tissue Recovery Center to better serve families and hospitals throughout Indiana. We deployed a state-of-the-art kidney perfusion program that includes eight kidney pumps to better assess the health of a recovered kidney and ensure better transplantation results. Indiana Donor Network is a leader among U.S. organ procurement organizations in utilizing these innovative kidney pumps.

In 2021, Indiana Donor Network also: Cared for 1,357 tissue and cornea donors. Supported 2,345 family members of organ and tissue donors through its aftercare program. Conducted 109 organ recovery surgeries at Indiana Donor Network's onsite Organ and Tissue Recovery Center, which opened in 2020. Added more than 120,000 new Hoosiers to the national donor registry. Flew a record 677 organ transport flights through TxJet, our nonprofit subsidiary aviation service.

Also, Hoosier advocates for organ and tissue donation volunteered 12,857 hours on behalf of Indiana Donor Network in 2021. In communities throughout Indiana, we led 851 school and community educational presentations and activations, engaging more than 145,000 Hoosiers.

We have more than 250 mission-driven team members at our headquarters in Indianapolis, in our offices in South Bend, Fort Wayne and Evansville, and in communities throughout Indiana. Each team member contributed to our organization's successes in saving and healing lives in 2021. Indiana Donor Network remains dedicated every day to growing, improving and challenging each other to think big, serve well and be remarkable.

My gratitude for our team, as well as for the donor heroes who saved and healed lives, cannot come close to matching the appreciation of all the patients who received a lifesaving organ transplant in 2021 and the countless more who received a healing tissue transplant through Indiana Donor Network.

Organ donation saves lives. Nationwide, more than 106,000 people are on the national waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant and more than 1,000 of those patients are Hoosiers. Every nine minutes, another person is added to the waiting list. Unfortunately, about 16 people die in the U.S. each day because the organ they needed did not become available in time.

If you are registered to become an organ donor, thank you. If you aren't a registered donor yet, talk with your family and loved ones. If the decision is right for you, register online at DonateLifeIndiana.org, at your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch or when you purchase your hunting or fishing license through the state's Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you so much for supporting Indiana Donor Network's mission.

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HISTORY

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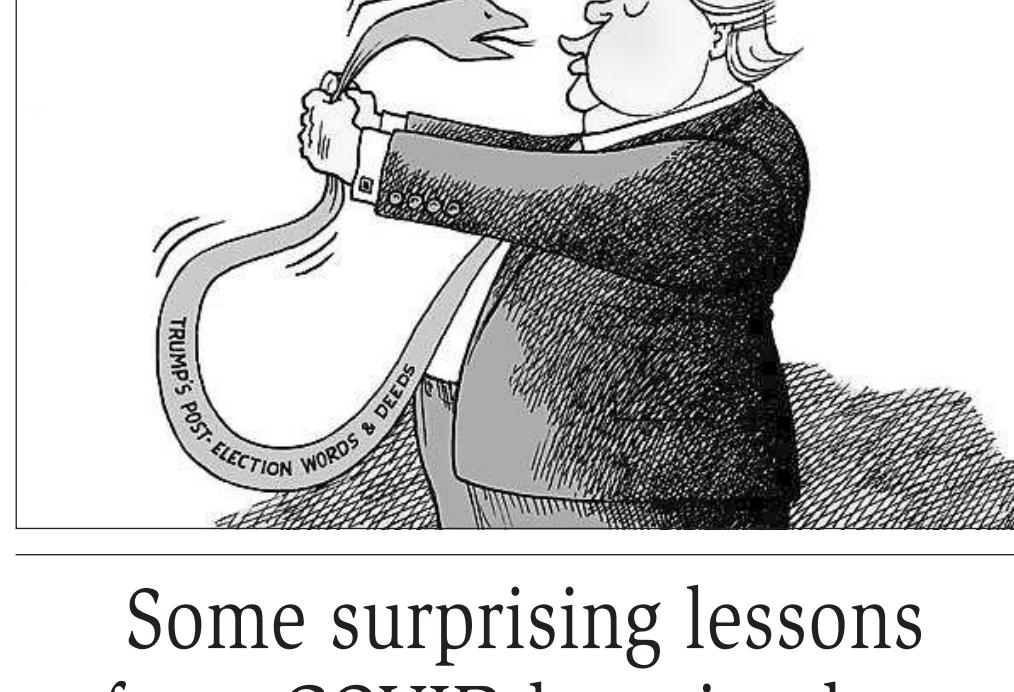
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In 1811, George, the Prince of Wales, was named Prince Regent due to the mental illness of his father, Britain's King George III.

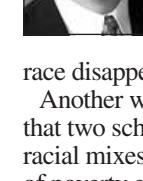
In 1917, the U.S. Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an act severely curtailing Asian immigration.

In 1922, the first edition of Reader's Digest was published.



Some surprising lessons from COVID learning loss

**Michael
Hicks**



students experienced more learning loss, as did children in poverty. However, when we controlled for both race and poverty, the statistical significance of race disappears.

Another way to explain this is that two schools with different racial mixes but the same level of poverty experienced the same level of learning loss. Our study couldn't say what aspect of poverty caused the learning loss, but there are many potential factors such as the lack of broadband access for remote learning. That should be a fertile area for research for years to come.

Our second big finding was that schools who did better on the standardized tests in 2019 saw greater learning loss over COVID. We believe this is due to specialized programs in better-performing schools that were not readily performed during COVID. There are many other plausible contributing factors, so it may be some time before the causes are nailed down.

The rest of our findings were really 'non-findings' in that most of the differences across schools we could measure were not correlated with learning loss. Race and ethnicity did not play a role in learning loss, nor did the share of English Language Learners. The type of school didn't matter, whether elementary, middle or combined grades. The size of the school didn't

matter, nor did absenteeism through the year. There was some evidence that declining enrollment increased learning loss, but it is a small effect.

The big surprise was that the mix of instruction — in-person, online or hybrid — had no effect on learning loss. This differs from the raw numbers shared by the Department of Education, but again without controlling for other factors, those comparisons offer no useful interpretation. I think the explanation for this is outcome is pretty straightforward.

Hoosier schools, like many around the nation, struggled with scheduling and educational decisions through the 2020-2021 school year. No doubt every superintendent and school board struggled to balance several different priorities such as health, learning, and enrollment. But, in the end, most of the decisions could be reduced to two trade-offs:

No doubt there are many lessons to be learned from COVID, and some schools did better than others. But with the available data and analysis about learning loss, Indiana schools appear to have done about as well as was possible.

That should give the rest of us a great deal of confidence that they will attack the problem of learning loss with the same good judgment.

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Lifestyles



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

A beet stunner that

will win over the haters

Beets: People either love them or hate them, and this can create a divide at the dinner table. Now, I can't promise that any of your beet-averse family members or friends will do a complete 180-degree turn on their opinion when it comes to these earthy roots. I can suggest, however, that this gratin might be your best chance to convert them.

Baby beets are mild and sweet, and their flavor is less assertive than their grown-up relatives. In this recipe, they are thinly sliced and blanketed in creamy layers of garlic, orange-infused sour cream and nutty, piquant Gruyere cheese. If you must cloak a vegetable, this is the way to do it.

Happily, all the flavors meld together, and while the beets are undeniably present, they are not overwhelming in flavor. As the beets roast, they release their juices, resulting in a

dish streaked with vibrant flourishes of color. At the very least, everyone can agree that it makes for a stunning vegetarian showstopper. So, go ahead and give it a try. Let the skeptics eat with their eyes, and just perhaps, they'll be convinced to pick up a fork.

I prepared this recipe with a variety of red, golden and Chioggia beets. So long as you scrub them well, you don't need to peel them. (Their skin is a great source of nutrients.) Assemble the gratin in a casserole dish, or divide it between smaller vessels, such as individual ramekins or small cast iron skillets, for fun family-style dining.

Baby Beet Gratin With Orange and Thyme

Active time: 25 minutes
Total time: 1 hour and 15 minutes
Yield: Makes one (8-by-8-inch) gratin, serves 4 to 6

Unsalted butter
2 cups (16 ounces) whole milk sour cream

2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon finely grated orange zest
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 pounds baby beets, about 12, trimmed and scrubbed clean
4 ounces finely grated Gruyere cheese
Chopped fresh thyme leaves

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Butter an 8-by-8-inch gratin dish.

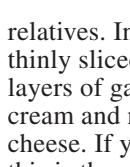
Whisk the sour cream, garlic, orange zest, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in a bowl.

Thinly slice the beets, preferably with a mandoline.

Arrange one-third of the beets slightly overlapping in the baking dish. Spoon one-third of the sour cream mixture over the beets, carefully spreading to cover. Sprinkle one-third of the cheese over the top. Lightly season with salt, pepper and a pinch of thyme. Repeat with two more layers.

Transfer the gratin to the oven and bake until the beets are tender and the gratin is bubbly and golden, 50 to 60 minutes. Serve warm.

Lynda Balslev



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How to carry and display your vaccine card

By RICHARD CHIN

Star Tribune (TNS)

The CDC COVID-19 record card you get with your vaccine is too large to fit in your wallet, yet small enough to be easily misplaced.

But the little cardboard cards are becoming increasingly important if you want to get out of the house, as venues in the Twin Cities and elsewhere require that they be shown if you want to see a show or dine out.

As of Jan. 19, Minneapolis and St. Paul started requiring patrons to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to dine in bars, restaurants and other places where food and drinks are served.

There are several ways to keep your vaccine card safe, protected, handy.

Classy card holders

Blinged-up vaccine card holders allow you to express your personal style, fashion sense and fandom interests. The card holders are like fancy little wallets with a display

window suitable for wearing on a lanyard around your neck or clipped to your belt, ready to flash to gain admittance to your local bar, restaurant or concert venue.

One style of vaccine card holder looks like a high-tech prop from the sci-fi movie "The Fifth Element." Another is an homage to the "HAMILTON" musical ("I'm not throwin' away my shot"). Or maybe you'd like to store your vaccine card in what looks like the acceptance letter to Hogwarts School.

Available apps

If you're worried about losing your card, you could go digital.

Most venues accept a photograph of your vaccine card that you can keep on your phone as proof. There also are a number of digital wallet options and apps springing up to help keep track of and display your immunization status.

The Minnesota Department of Health is promoting a smartphone app called Docket that can be used to access, view and share immunization records recorded in the state's immunization information system.

The Minnesota Orchestra and the Guthrie Theater have partnered with the Bindle app, on which patrons can display a digital entry pass showing that they've met the vaccine or testing requirements set by the venue.

According to Bindle, when you use that app, access to your actual health records is controlled on your phone so the venues or other third parties can't get to it.

An app called Clear also offers users the ability to create what it calls a "secure digital vaccine card."

Banks make billions in overdraft and other 'junk fees' – Biden officials want that to end

If you have plenty of money, the occasional overdraft fee – or its nuisance cousin, the dreaded non-sufficient-funds fee – won't break your bank. But for a family living on the financial edge, the fees can be devastating. One overdraft fee of \$35 can result in a cascade of charges that drain a bank account.

"In many cases, junk fees often act as penalties, like with non-sufficient funds and credit card late fees, rather than compensation for a legitimate service," Rohit Chopra, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, said during a recent press call. "While it may make sense for banks to pass on the cost for extra services provided, many complain that these fees are far higher than the service is really worth."

Under President Joe Biden, the watchdog agency – which was muzzled during the Trump administration – is targeting the type of "junk fees" that often drive low-income and minority customers from banks to predatory payday loan companies – and that have become a significant source of banking revenue.

In 2019, revenue from overdraft and non-sufficient-funds fees (typically \$25 to \$30) surpassed \$15 billion, the CFPB said.

A 2019 study by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. found that half of unbanked Americans had a bank account at some point in the past. Among the top reasons cited by many who checked out of the banking system were high or unpredictable account fees.

"We've seen that hidden and surprise fees can drive consumers out of the financial mainstream," said Alex Horowitz, who guides research for the Pew Charitable Trusts' consumer finance project. "They can lead to closed checking accounts. They do the most damage to households that have the least margin for error – so low-income households, low-asset households and households of color."

A non-sufficient-funds fee, also known as a returned-item fee, is charged when a transaction or check is rejected because there isn't enough money in the account to cover it.

An overdraft fee is charged when there are not enough funds but the transaction still goes through.

Horowitz said 5 percent of checking-account customers are paying 20-plus overdraft fees per year. To put that in context, folks who get hit often with overdraft fees have average deposits of about \$2,500 a month, which doesn't give them much margin for error, Horowitz said.

"Overdraft fees can push household budgets over the edge," he said.

The CFPB is soliciting public comment on how it can address the explosion of fees. Comments can be emailed to federalregister-comments@cfpb.gov. The CFPB says it's particularly interested in hearing from older and lower-income consumers, students, service members and people of color.

The Consumer Bankers Association, which represents the leading retail banks in the United States, pushed back on the CFPB's characterization of the fees.

"Overdraft fees as a percent of total revenue across the industry made up less than 2 percent in 2019," CBA President and Chief

Executive Richard Hunt said in a statement.

This CFPB initiative comes as several large banks have reduced or eliminated certain bank fees. Capital One, which is among the nation's largest banks, said last year it would be eliminating all overdraft fees and non-sufficient-funds fees for its consumer banking customers.

In January, five major banks announced that they were eliminating or reducing account fees:

■ Bank of America is getting rid of non-sufficient-funds fees beginning this month and will reduce overdraft fees from \$35 to \$10 in May. The bank said customers won't be able to overdraw their accounts at an ATM. Starting in May, also disappearing will be the \$12 fee charged when funds from a linked account are used to cover transactions with the customer's checking account.

■ Wells Fargo announced that, by the end of the first quarter, customers will no longer pay a fee if the bank returns a check or electronic transaction unpaid because of insufficient funds. The bank will also stop charging customers to transfer money between accounts to avoid an overdraft. Additionally, starting in the third quarter, customers who overdraw their deposit account will have 24 hours to cover the overdraft before incurring an overdraft fee.

■ U.S. Bank has eliminated certain fees for non-sufficient funds and by the end of the second quarter will allow an account to be overdrawn by \$50 instead of \$5 before triggering a fee.

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■ Truist said it will introduce a personal checking account with no overdraft fees this summer and a \$100 negative-balance buffer for qualifying clients.

■ Regions Bank said it will eliminate its non-sufficient-funds fees by the end of the second quarter of 2022 and reduce the number of overdraft fees that can be charged per day on consumer banking accounts.

Pew estimated that the total savings to consumers at just those banks could top \$2 billion annually.

More banks are coming out with what they say are "enhancements" to their overdraft fee policies. TD Bank announced Tuesday that its customers will be able to overdraw their accounts by up to \$50 before incurring an overdraft fee.

If Horowitz is right, we may be seeing a seismic shift in the banking sector, with overdraft and related junk fees becoming a competitive disadvantage. But if that doesn't happen soon enough, I suspect the threat of more oversight by the CFPB might prompt other financial institutions to jump aboard this fee-elimination train. And that's just what a watchdog agency should be doing – pushing for change that helps consumers, especially those who are financially fragile.

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Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

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St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

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Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

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LOVE IN BLOOM



Poets have long compared love to flowers blooming. In a garden, a seed is planted... perhaps the first date. If the relationship is well matched... the seed grows in fertile soil. As a new couple discovers each other's interests... the "garden" is tended and watered. Weeds may try to push through, but they are uprooted and discarded... the couple learns to negotiate their differences. The relationship flowers... delicate buds give way to fragrant petals and mature love is born. Around Valentine's Day, know that true love is strong and enduring. When weeds try to encroach keep in mind that God is the Master Gardener. With Him, love will blossom and flourish. Hold up that love in worship this week.

Daily Bible Reading

John 3:1-21	John 3:22-36	John 13:1-20	John 13:21-35	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-31	John 15:1-17
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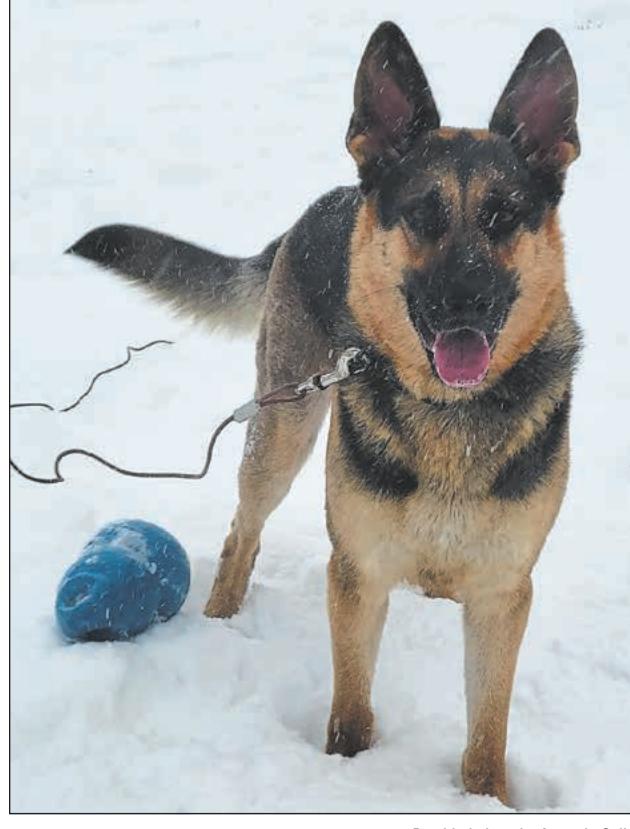
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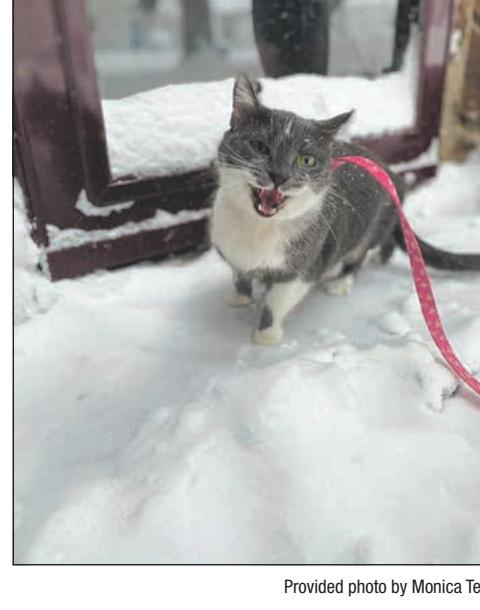
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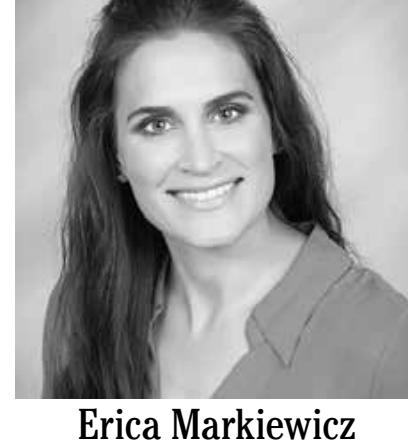


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The Butterfly Effect

By DAVE SNOWDON

Andy Andrews, New York Times bestselling author, records an interesting phenomenon in his book, "The Butterfly Effect." One person's life affects another life, who in turn affects countless others. We all have been created for a purpose in God's plan.

One cold January night in 1864, a group of raiders attacked Moses Carver's farm, burned down his barn, shot several people and dragged off a woman named Mary Washington, who refused to let go of her infant son, George.

Susan, Moses' wife and Mary's friend, urged Moses to go after Mary and the baby. Moses was able to track the bandits to another state and barter trade to get Mary back. The raiders took his only horse and in exchange threw him a dirty burlap bag. Inside the bag was a cold, naked, almost dead, baby boy. Moses quickly opened his coat and shirt and placed the child next to his skin. Covering the baby with his clothes and relying on the warmth from his body, Moses walked all night and all the next day to return to his farm. Knowing that Mary was dead, Moses and Susan Carver determined to raise

George as their own. In honor of Mary, they committed to seeing that George got a good education. They also gave him their name, George Washington Carver.

Many know that George Washington Carver got a good education and he grew up to become a famous botanist. From his scientific research, he developed 266 patented products from the peanut and 88 patented products from the sweet potato. George's tireless efforts saved the South from economic collapse.

But that is only one part of a much bigger story. While George was a student at Iowa

State University, he had a science professor who would let his 6-year-old son go on "botanical expeditions" with his brilliant student. George instilled in that boy a love for plants and a vision for what they could do for the world. That little boy's name was Henry Wallace, who grew up to become Vice President of the United States with President Franklin Roosevelt.

During the dust bowl years, the nation was struggling to get out of the Great Depression. A man named Norman Borlaug had a plan to develop hybrid wheat and corn for arid climates (drought resistant). He just

needed someone to give him a chance. That someone was Henry Wallace. Norman won the Nobel Prize for his work. But the bigger picture is that his work is credited for saving two billion lives, and the number is still growing around the world.

What if Moses Carver had ignored his wife's pleas? ... What if George Washington Carver had not taken an interest in little Henry? ...

What if Vice President Henry Wallace had been too busy to hear Norman's crazy ideas about plants because no one instilled in him a vision on how to feed the world? What if?

Each of us is important. God created each of us for a purpose; to make a difference. What is keeping you from fulfilling the purpose for which God created you? You were created to make a difference for the good of others.

Dave Snowdon and his wife recently moved to the Wabash community to be near six of their 11 grandchildren and their parents. The couple has three adult children and 11 grandchildren. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and veteran of Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Christian & Missionary Alliance and Senior Adult Health Care in Friendship Village in Dayton, Ohio.

ELECTION

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filed for Wabash County Council District 4 on Jan. 11.

■ Republican Becca Melton filed for Chester Township Trustee on Feb. 2.

■ Republican Andrew DeLong filed for Lagro Township Trustee on Jan. 7.

■ Republican Debra Dale filed for Liberty Township Trustee on Jan. 18.

■ Republican Lori Harnish filed for Noble Township Trustee on Jan. 27.

■ Republicans Andrew Cordes, Mike Schuler and Scott Dawes filed for Paw Paw Township Trustee on Jan. 10, Feb. 1 and Feb. 1, respectively.

■ Democrat Rebecca (Becky) Ann Warmuth filed for Pleasant Township Trustee on Jan. 28.

■ Republican Michael Ruse filed for Waltz Township Trustee on Jan. 14.

■ Republicans Gary Hunter Sr. and Beth E. Gillespie filed for Lagro Township Board Member on Jan. 11 and Jan. 31, respectively.

■ Republicans William Plummer, Brenda Hegel and Steve Kirtlan filed for Noble

Township Board Member on Jan. 20, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31, respectively.

■ Republican Brian D. Baker filed for Paw Paw Township Board Member on Jan. 27.

■ Republicans Stan Bagley, David M. Hawkins and Marthene Burnau filed for Pleasant Township Board Member on Jan. 27, Jan. 27 and Jan. 31, respectively.

■ Republicans Megan L. Henderson, Tim Drake and Lyman Lee Smith filed for Waltz Township Board Member on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 1, respectively.

■ Republican Robert R. McCallen, III filed for re-election as Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 27th Judicial Circuit on Jan. 5.

■ Republican William C. Hartley Jr. filed for re-election as Prosecuting Attorney of Wabash County, 27th Judicial Circuit on Jan. 21.

■ No candidates filed for either Chester Township Board Member or Liberty Township Board Member.

Wabash County Republican Convention Delegate

The following candidates filed for Wabash County

Republican Convention Delegate: William (Alex) Downard on Jan. 7, Lori Draper on Jan. 7, Mark Draper on Feb. 2, Bobi K. Gephart on Feb. 2, Nathaniel J. Gephart on Feb. 2, Amanda F. Hann on Feb. 1, Sam Hann on Feb. 1, William "Bill" Konyha Republican on Jan. 13, Nicholas J. Kopkey on Feb. 2, Jennifer Long-Dillon on Jan. 13, Russell Reahard Republican on Feb. 1, David G. Roe on Jan. 14, Nanceyton (Nan) Roe on Jan. 14 and Lorissa Sweet on Jan. 11.

Wabash County Democratic Convention Delegate

Travis L. Hendricks, Tamari L. Ingalls and Jeffrey J. Thompson filed for Democratic Wabash County Democratic Convention Delegate on Jan. 20, Feb. 1 and Jan. 20, respectively.

Democratic Precinct Committee

On Jan. 20, Teresa S. Kattau and Chad Harris filed for Democratic Noble 3 Democratic Precinct Committee and Democratic Noble 4 Democratic Precinct

Committeeman, respectively.

State House of Representatives

Rep. Dan Leonard, R-Huntington, filed his paperwork for re-election to his District 50 seat on Jan. 5.

He faces a primary challenge for the Republican nomination from current Wabash County Councilmember Lorissa Sweet, who filed her paperwork Jan. 12.

On the Democratic side, Tamari L. (Tammy) Ingalls will run unopposed for her party's nomination after filing paperwork Feb. 1.

State Senate

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, had already announced his reelection bid in December in the redesigned 17th District and filed his paperwork on Jan. 6. He is running unopposed.

Secretary of State

Secretary of State Holli Sullivan filed to seek the Republican Party's nomination for Secretary of State on Jan. 10.

Sullivan is joined by three competitors for the Republican nomination. Diego Morales served as senior advisor

to Vice President Mike Pence while he was governor of Indiana. In November 2021, former Newton County Circuit Court clerk Kyle D. Conrad also announced his intentions to seek the nomination.

Former Libertarian candidate Paul Hager has also joined the race for the Republican nomination.

The Indiana Republican State Convention will take place in Indianapolis on June 18.

On the Democratic side, the party's only announced candidate for Indiana Secretary of State, Desteny Wells, visited Wabash last month.

U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, will run unopposed for re-election for her Second District seat in the House of Representatives after filing Jan. 26.

"As a lifelong Hoosier, I am grateful to fight for the hard-working people of Indiana's Second District and to serve as their voice in Congress.

Right now, our nation is facing crisis after crisis – and Hoosiers are paying the price. I'm working hard to stop

liberals' radical agenda, combat inflation, help our economy recover, strengthen our national security, fight for veterans, and equip families to succeed," said Walorski.

"In the face of tough challenges, Hoosiers know I'll always stand up for our values and for our neighbors – farmers, workers, manufacturers, small businesses, veterans, service-members and families across northern Indiana. Together, we can build a brighter, safer and stronger America."

Ahead of the 2022 election cycle, Walorski's campaign has more than \$1.1 million cash on hand.

U.S. Senate

Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, filed for re-election Jan. 28. He will face a primary challenge by Danny Niederberger, who filed Feb. 2.

On the Democratic side, Hanceefah Khaaliq, Valerie McCray and Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. filed Feb. 3, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, respectively, for their party's nomination.

Khaaliq was a guest speaker at a recent Wabash County Democratic Party meeting.

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PULSE

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Haque. April 4 – "Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier" by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In "CommuniKate: Artalive," Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith, community liaison with Junction Coalition in Toledo, Ohio, presents "Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond." April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in "Dream Big." May 2 – "Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester's First Black Students" is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses: Kendall Brown, "Immigration in Wabash County: A Case Study;" Madison Brown, "Efficacy of Variations of Carbocyclic Nucleoside Analogs Against HIV Protease;" Mallory Sands, "Investigating the Local and Systemic Wounding Response in Soybeans;" and

Samuel Springer, "Social Media and Me: An Analysis of the Relationship between Social Media Usage, Self-Esteem and Identity among Sexual and Ethnic Minority Members." May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of "Spaceman," a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester. This is a collaboration with the Manchester Symphony Orchestra, where Lynn is the conductor.

Woman's Clubhouse to hold February luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse will welcome Emmie Dewey, dubbed the "cheesecake queen," for a question and answer session about her experiences in the kitchen during the group's monthly luncheon at noon Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 770 W. Hill St. The Woman's Clubhouse will also have ready our Valentine's Day fudge for pickup if you placed an order. Make your reservations no later than Friday, Feb. 4 by calling Mary DeLauter at 260-563-6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold February meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Joseph White's Residential & Family Services by Dana Brady. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend.

DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Feb.

9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Manchester hosts Polar Plunge to aid Special Olympics Indiana

Manchester University invites area groups and individuals to take part in the Polar Plunge, a fundraising event to help support Special Olympics Indiana. Freezin' for a Reason begins with registration from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 near the new ticket booth at the Spartan Stadium on Manchester's North Manchester campus. The big splash begins at noon. Each person needs to raise a minimum of \$85 to plunge. Team members can sign up as participants,

which means they jump in the water, or "virtual plungers," who raise money but do not get wet. Register online as an in-person or virtual participant at <https://secure.e2rm.com/p2p/location/367864>. Fundraise by sharing the link to

your fundraising page and collecting cash and checks from people in your community. Friends don't let friends plunge alone. Ask your friends, family and co-workers to get involved.

Take the plunge on Feb. 19. Bring your pledge form and/or a copy of your online pledges to your Polar Plunge event. Turn in all offline donations, sign your waiver, and prepare to get cold. Plungers must be at least 12 years old by the day of the event to enter the water. Those younger than 18 must have a signature from a parent or guardian. For more information, email KNGower@manchester.edu.

Organizers advise wearing old gym shoes you don't mind getting wet. Participants should bring a pair of dry shoes, a towel or robe and a change of clothes. Some plungers wear costumes over bathing suits.

Wabash County esports 'SuperSmash in the Bash' tournament announced

An esports tournament for Wabash county high school students has been announced. Any high school student can register and play even without

a coach. The "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" "SuperSmash in the Bash" Invitational has been planned for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Wabash High School. Free registration is open to any Wabash County student. Registration runs until the start time. There will be rules meeting at 8:45 a.m. The round starts and bracket will be final by 9 a.m. at challonge.com. The rounds will be best of three. The winner's finals, losers' finals and grand finals will be the best of five. There will be a "for fun" "Mario Kart" tournament starting at 10 a.m. for those who are eliminated. There will be a \$100 prize pool, including Amazon gift cards. It will be a double-elimination tournament, with a \$50 prize for first place, and \$25 prizes for second and third places. The first 50 players to register will receive a free personal pan pizza coupon at the event, with additional large pizza prizes for the winners. It is strongly recommended that you bring your own controller. You may bring your own Switch for free play. To register for the upcoming tournament, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3z5hn5a3>.

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Former spouses ready to try again after 16 years

DEAR ABBY: I reconnected with my ex-husband, "Liam," a year ago, 16 years after our divorce. (We hadn't seen or talked to each other during that time.) He's remarried with four kids; I am single with two kids. We got married when we were young, but we're now in our early 40s. We know what we want or don't want in a partner, and know what we will/won't put up with, etc.

Liam is still legally married, and I have been single for a year. He _____

Dear Abby



and his wife have been separated almost two years. We have been intimate, which I feel has brought us closer together. We are very compatible. We get along well, have the same religious beliefs and we're both vegetarians. We had a long talk about our future a few days ago and whether we should try to get back together. Both of us feel the same way. We're still very much in love with each other after all these years.

Should we try to get back together when the time is right, or should we leave the past behind us and let it go? Any advice is greatly appreciated. — Second Chance In Georgia

DEAR SECOND CHANCE: No one can decide FOR you whether you and Liam should try to reconcile "when the time is right" — which I assume means when he is divorced from his current wife. I can offer this advice: as appealing as the idea may seem right now, do not do it until you have had joint counseling with a licensed marriage and family therapist to resolve any lingering issues that "might" crop up.

Also, if Liam is really contemplating offloading his current missus, he needs to consult an attorney who specializes in family law so he will be fully prepared for the battle that's sure to lie ahead.

DEAR ABBY: I had substance abuse problems in the past. I have been in a rehabilitation program for a while now, and have been sober for more than a year. I would like to continue my sobriety and feel I could stay sober from drugs and still drink socially. My family is against me drinking at all, even though alcohol is plentiful at their holiday get-togethers. They also don't want me socializing with friends who drink at all, even if these friends don't use other substances. I should mention I am of legal drinking age.

How can I convince my family that I will stay off drugs while drinking socially? I know they want what's best for me, but I don't want to feel left out of family events or have to end friendships, which feels extreme. — Responsible Social Drinker

DEAR RESPONSIBLE: While your family is well-intentioned, I agree their thinking they can maintain your sobriety "for" you by deciding what you may and may not drink on their premises is extreme. And the decision of who you can safely socialize with should be made by you.

This is an important subject you should discuss with your sponsor or the administrators of your substance abuse rehabilitation program. Please don't wait to do it. Not knowing you personally, I cannot — and should not — advise you further than this.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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NORTHFIELD VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATED BY ROCHESTER 38 TO 46 ON THURSDAY, JAN. 27



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Senior Ainsley Dale, no. 13, guards the Zebras' Kamrynn Burkett, no. 1, as the Rochester senior guard works her way around Northfield's defensive perimeter. The Norse put up a strong fight on Senior Night, but fell short to Rochester 46-38.

NORTHFIELD JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATED BY ROCHESTER 14 TO 22 ON THURSDAY, JAN. 27



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Freshman Camryn Kuhn, no. 11, drives against her Zebras opponent during junior varsity action on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 27 at NHS. Rochester's junior squad edged the Norse, 22-14.

NORTHFIELD BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATED BY ROCHESTER 32 TO 60 ON FRIDAY, JAN. 28



Photos by Patrick Murphy / Rochester Sentinel

Northfield's C.J. Long, left, passes to a teammate while being guarded by Rochester's Paul Leasure, right, during Friday's Three Rivers Conference game.



Northfield's Paul Treska, right, reaches over Rochester's Tanner Reinartz, left, during the Friday, Jan. 28, Three Rivers Conference game. Treska scored two points for the Norsemen in a 60-32 loss.



Northfield boys basketball Head Coach Rex Reimer looks on as the Norsemen battle against the Rochester Zebras. The Norsemen lost 60-32 and dropped their Three Rivers Conference record to 0-6.

Locked-out MLB players reject offer of federal mediation

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The start of spring training likely will be a casualty of Major League Baseball's lockout, which will threaten opening day unless the drawn-out talks lead to a deal in less than a month.

After a half-year of bickering over the sport's economics, baseball's warring factions couldn't even agree on whether to have a mediator.

The Major League Baseball Players Association on Friday ruled out a third party intervening, one day after MLB asked for help from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Two months after implementing their lockout, and just two days after committing to players that a coun-

terproposal would be made, the owners refused to make a counter, and instead requested mediation," the union said in a statement.

"After consultation with our executive board, and taking into account a variety of factors, we have declined this request. The clearest path to a fair and timely agreement is to get back to the table. Players stand ready to negotiate."

Owners locked out players on Dec. 2, immediately following the expiration of a five-year collective bargaining agreement. There have been just three in-person negotiating sessions on core economics since, on Jan. 24-25 and this past Tuesday, plus a digital session on Jan. 13. The sides are still far apart.

"With camps scheduled to open in less than two weeks, it is time to get immediate assistance from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to help us work through our differences and break the deadlock," MLB said in a statement.

"It is clear the most productive path forward would be the involvement of an impartial third party to help bridge gaps and facilitate an agreement," the league said. "It is hard to understand why a party that wants to make an agreement would reject mediation from the federal agency specifically tasked with resolving these disputes, including many successes in professional sports."

No negotiating sessions are scheduled on the primary economic issues. The sides

met three times this week on non-core topics.

"We don't need mediation because what we are offering to MLB is fair for both sides," tweeted pitcher Max Scherzer, who agreed to a \$130 million, three-year contract with the New York Mets on the day prior to the lockout.

"We want a system where threshold and penalties don't function as caps, allows younger players to realize more of their market value, makes service time manipulation a thing of the past, and eliminate tanking as a winning strategy," Scherzer wrote.

Players blame owners for the lockout. Commissioner Rob Manfred said his side was being proactive, not wanting to risk a late-season

strike similar to the one that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

Players are upset payrolls declined to \$4.05 billion last year, the lowest in a fully completed year since 2015. They are asking for an expansion of salary arbitration eligibility, a significant increase in luxury tax thresholds and minimum salaries, a decrease in revenue sharing and new rules to prevent what they allege is service time manipulation by clubs.

Teams say they will not expand arbitration or decrease revenue sharing, and that intensive negotiations on the luxury tax are for the final stage of bargaining.

The lockout entered its 65th day Friday and shows every sign of rolling past the scheduled start of spring

training workouts on Feb. 16. Given that at least three weeks of training and exhibition games are required and the need for several days for players to report to camps and go through COVID-19 protocols, opening day on March 31 will be threatened if there is no agreement by the end of February or early March.

There is little chance of negotiations next week, when owners are scheduled to meet from Tuesday to Thursday in Orlando, Florida. Management's bargaining team is expected in Orlando for the session.

Players do not start accruing salary until opening day, and teams generate a large portion of their revenue from opening day through the World Series.

NORTHFIELD VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATED BY CASTON 42-29 ON JAN. 29



Norseman Eli Kroh, No. 33, gets pinned by Caston's stubborn defense during the night cap event hosted Saturday, Jan. 29 by Northfield. The Caston Comets were victorious over the Norse varsity, winning 42-29.

NORTHFIELD JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS DEFEATED BY CASTON 45-18 ON JAN. 29



Freshman Ryland Miller, No. 41, applies a steady man-to-man defense on the Comet's Grant Yadon, No. 22, during junior varsity action on Saturday, Jan. 29 at NHS. Caston took the opener 45-18.

Manchester men's, women's XC earn USTFCCCA All-Academic Team awards

By DILLON BENDER

Both the Manchester University men's and women's cross country programs were honored by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as All-Academic Team recipients, the organization announced in January.

Overall, there were 137 men's programs and 163 women's programs across NCAA Division III to garner All-Academic Team recognition from the USTFCCCA. The men posted a team GPA of 3.25, while the women posted a team GPA of 3.74. The women's team GPA ranked 25th in this year's listings.

To qualify for All-Academic distinction, teams must have a cumulative GPA of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale, including the most recent grading period, among other qualifiers.

Additionally, four Spartans were recognized as All-Academic Athletes by the USTFCCCA. Both Thomas Richardson, from Ladooga and Southmont High School,

and Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, were honored from the men's team, while Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, and Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, were recognized from the women's team.

To qualify for All-Academic distinction, student-athletes must

have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 on a 4.0 scale and finish in the top-25 percent of their respective regional championship meet.

Overall, there were 248 male athletes and 203 female athletes from NCAA Division III who were named All-Academic Athletes for their efforts during the 2021 season.

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